

# WEEKLY VIEWS

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2009

Commissioner Buss presented Marion County Judge Marilyn Moores with a Distinguished Hoosier Award and a commemorative lock from the Indiana State Prison for her commitment to the juvenile justice system.

The Plainfield Re-entry Educational Facility moved to the grounds of the former Indiana Women's Prison this week.

Montezuma Christian Church volunteers directed the Rockville Holiday Choir in the Christmas Cantata "City on a Hill."

Superintendent Jan Davis of Madison Correctional Facility used grant monies to purchase stockings and presents for the students at Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility. The items will be left by Santa in the student's rooms Christmas Eve.

Henryville held a Community Advisory Board meeting, recognizing road crew officers and discussing work crews.

Logansport Juvenile held a graduation ceremony for 21 students. State Senator Randall Head was the keynote speaker. State Representative Douglas Gutwein and former State Senator Tom Weatherwax also attended.

The Northern CISM Team met for its annual holiday dinner/training. Westville's culinary arts program prepared lunch.

New Castle's Education/Culinary Arts Department provided a Holiday dinner this week for 49 offender participants and 87 family and friends. Offenders were required to be conduct free for a year and enrolled in a program or employed.

Pendleton Juvenile's Auxiliary Committee held a Christmas dinner for the all of the facility's staff.

Over 7,350 hamburgers and spicy chicken pieces were sold to Putnamville offenders. The food sale, organized by PLUS Coordinator S. Kumaran, generated proceeds of over \$3,650 for the PLUS Unit.

The Gospel Echoes Team Prison Ministry visited Pendleton and distributed cookies to offenders and staff.

Staff members, family, and friends enjoyed a visit with Santa at the Rockville Correctional Facility. Each child received a gift and everyone enjoyed cookies and milk. The sale of pictures benefitted the Employee Appreciation Fund.

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles made 68 state IDs for Henryville offenders about ready to be released.

WVCF's Michele Lincoln, Cindy Lett, Roxanna Henderson, Amanda Pirtle, and Shawna Vair helped buy toys as part of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program. WVCF Inside Out Dad's and PLUS offenders donated over \$547.

Madison Juvenile students created a card for the family of fallen police officer Sutton from Jefferson County.

Gospel Echoes treated all Miami staff and offenders to a bag of cookies for the holidays. More than 200 volunteers put together more than 3,600 bags of cookies to hand out to staff and offenders.

Several Pendleton Juvenile units had Christmas this week and enjoyed a meal and presents donated by volunteers.

Plainfield assisted 250 underprivileged children in 8 local community schools for the Toys for Hendricks County Kids Drive. Donated gifts were delivered to the local schools by Santa Claus, PCF employee George Shepherd.

The Gospel Echoes visited New Castle this week passing out literature and cookies to both staff and offenders.

Madison Correctional Facility's Cosmetology Department hosted a night at the spa for a Salvation Army Christmas Family this week. The family enjoyed the evening, and the offenders learned a valuable lesson in giving.

The Gospel Echoes Prison Ministry delivered cookies to the offender population and staff at the Indiana State Prison.

The Inside/Out Dads at CIF hosted their third Christmas Party for 61 fathers and 105 children. The Salvation Army of Delaware County supplied gifts and refreshments.

Westville recently hosted its annual Christian Christmas Celebration. The Christian group presented words of encouragement and holiday music to the facility's 3,300 offenders and gave all staff and offenders holiday cookies.

A graduation was held at ISP's Minimum Security Unit for offenders receiving GEDs and Apprenticeship Certificates.

South Bend Juvenile hosted an educational retreat for staff from SBJ and Camp Summit. 30 staff members from treatment, custody, and education participated in a variety of professional development activities.

CIF held its annual AA Christmas party with 8 volunteers and 65 offenders enjoying pizza, chips, cookies, and soda.

Putnamville staff distributed Christmas candy while Gospel Echoes representatives distributed cookies to the offender population. Afterward, the Gospel Echoes volunteers participated in a meet and greet session with the offenders.

"Open your presents at Christmas time but be thankful year round for the gifts you receive." ~ Lorinda Ruth Lowen